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Eminem Talks Up "Chronic 2001"

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One of the most eagerly anticipated releases of the year, and in fact, the latter half of the decade, is Dr. Dre's "Chronic 2001," the follow-up to his 1992 solo debut, "The Chronic.

Making fans wait for seven years for a new album is a risky gamble -- particularly in the fast-paced world of hip-hop. Some fans and critics wonder whether "Chronic 2001" will be worth the wait.

Dre protégé Eminem, who appears on the album, assures cynics that no one will be disappointed by the much-anticipated release.

I got the album, nobody else does," the blond-headed rapper boasted to the MTV Radio Network. "It's hot man, it's hot. Al I can say is -- naturally I'm gonna sound biased pluggin' his album -- the album is incredible and anyone who doubted Dre, all you're gonna do is listen to the album and just be like, 'Dre is back.'

Eminem, who won Best New Artist In A Video for "My Name Is" at last week's 1999 MTV Video Music Awards, will most likely hit the road with

Dre as well as Snoop Dogg in early 2000 for a tour. In the meantime, the three artists, who performed together at the VMAs, will meet up in Oahu, Hawaii, for The Concert On Chronic Island on September 26.

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